

Emergencies Act

Presentation to NSICOP

March 25, 2022



Developments Prior to Declaration

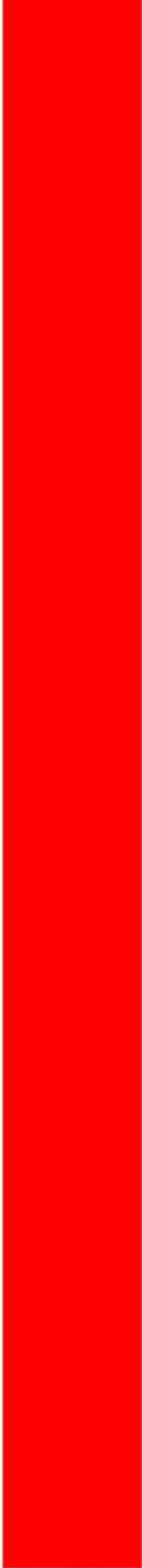
- Early environment
- From Protests to Blockades
 - Border closures
 - Situation in Ottawa
- National Interest
- Funding
- Interactions with provinces, municipalities and police of jurisdictions

Declaration and Revocation

- Declaration of Public Order Emergency by Proclamation
 - Thresholds: “National Emergency” and only after FPT consultation
 - Safeguards: subject to Charter, Parliamentary oversight, review by courts
 - Orders and Regulations: two issued
 - Emergency Measures Regulation: additional police authorities to deal with blockades / occupation
 - Emergency Economic Measures Order: cuts financing
- Revocation: 10 days later
 - GIC issues revocation Proclamation
 - Orders and Regulations automatically revoked at same time
 - Revocation trigger for a report from a PRC and Public Inquiry on the public order emergency

Tools Used

- Emergency Measures Regulations
 - Why they were needed
 - How they were used
- Emergency Economic Measures Order
 - Why they were needed
 - How they were used



- OPS Chief rejects appeal from federal officials to keep trucks away from Parliament Hill

Jan 27
EA Day -18
Jan 28

- NOTAM issued restricting airspace on Parliament Hill

Jan 29
EA Day -16
Jan 30
Jan 31

- HOC resumes sitting

Feb 1
EA Day -14
Feb 2

- RFA ALEA Received: Premier Ontario to Min EP and Min PS (Cartier Square Drill Hall)
- PSPC authorizes lockdown of all buildings under its authority

EA Day -17

- Convoy organizers host news conference in Ottawa

EA Day -15

- Premier Ford appeals to
- OPS sets up hate crime
- RCMP enforcement acti
- RFA ALEA Ended
- EP and Min PS

EA Day



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- Mayor Ottawa requests federal resources to support OPS
- NOTAM issued restricting airspace over: Coutts, AB; Queen's Park, Toronto, ON; Quebec City, QC; Mill River, AB

EA Day -11
Feb 3

- RFA Received: Min Municipal Affairs, AB to Min PS and Min EP (equipment and personnel to Coutts, AB)

EA Day -9
Feb 6

- RFA Received: Mayor, Ottawa to Min PS and Min EP (additional resources)
- Ontario Superior Court grants injunction in Ottawa (honking)
- Ambassador Bridge blocked; POE closed

EA Day -7
Feb 9

EA Day -10

- OPS hires crisis communications management firm
- Local towing companies reject OPS requests

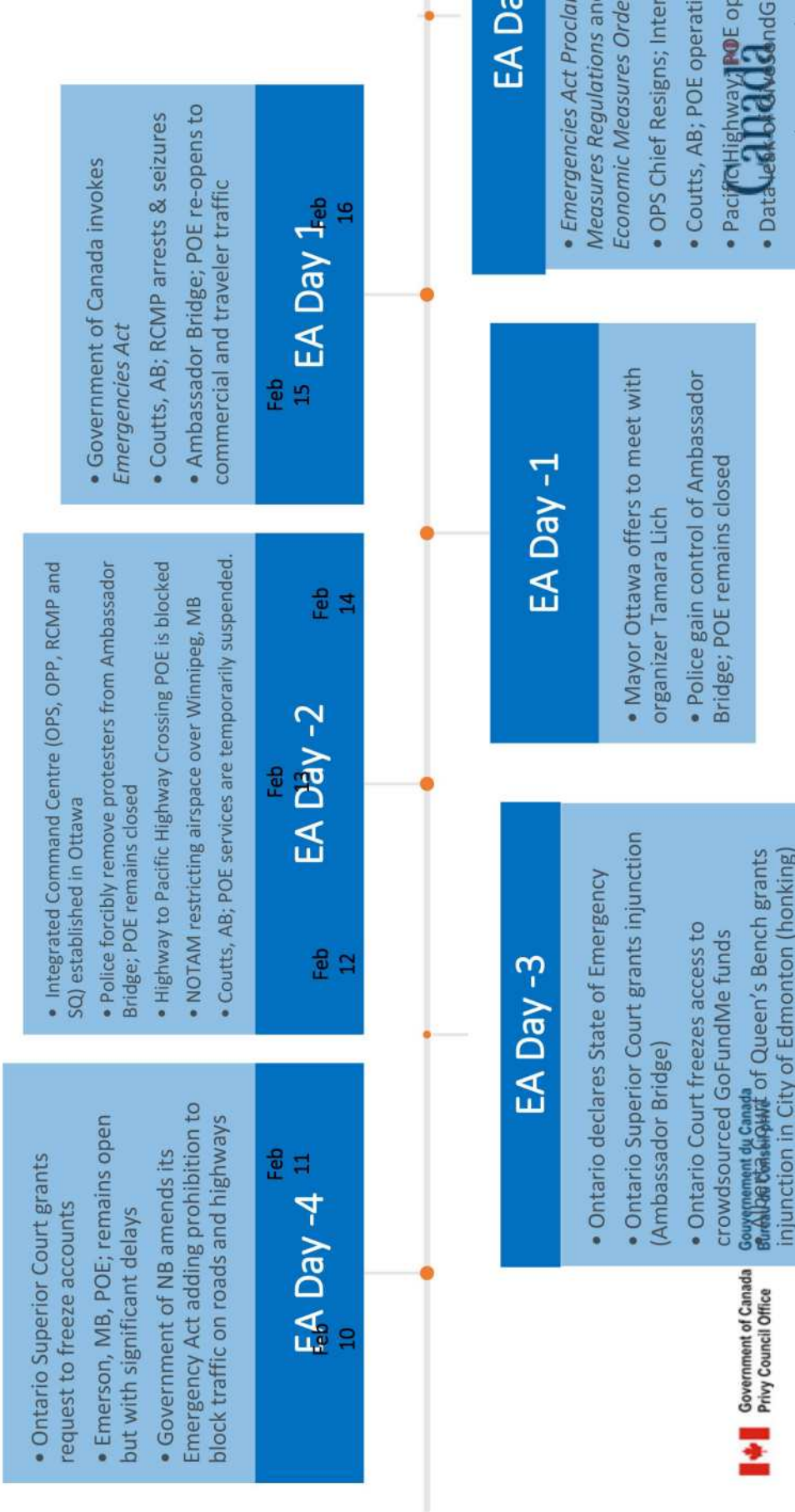
EA Day -8

- City of Ottawa declares a State of Emergency
- Blue Water Bridge blocked; POE closed.
- Coutts, AB; significant delays to traveller and commercial traffic at POE

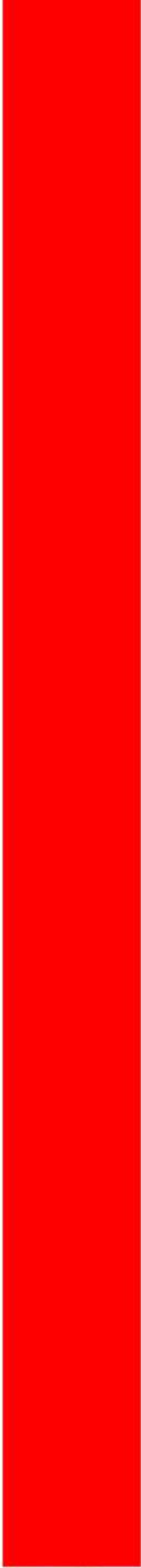
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- Ambassador Bridge; POE US bound traffic
- Blue Water Bridge reop





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- OPS and other law enforcement secure a perimeter; arrests begin
- Canadian banks start to freeze accounts linked to protests

Feb 17

EA Day 4

Feb 18

- Police operations in Ottawa continue

Feb 19

EA Day 6

Feb 21

- HOC vote on *Emergencies Act* passes

Feb 22

EA Day 8

Feb 23

EA Day 5

- Ontario Superior Court indefinitely extends Ambassador Bridge injunction
- HOC Speaker cancels sitting for day
- Complex police operations unfolds in Ottawa

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EA Day 7

- Police operations in Ottawa continue

EA Day 8

- Senate debate on *Emergencies Act*



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Annex - Acronyms

- ALEA - Assistance to Law Enforcement
- EA - Emergencies Act
- HOC - House of Commons
- Min EP - Minister of Emergency Preparedness
- Min PS - Minister of Public Safety
- NOTAM - Notice to Air Men
- OPP - Ontario Provincial Police
- OPS - Ottawa Police Service
- POE - Port of Entry
- PPS - Parliamentary Protective Service
- PSPC - Public Services and Procurement Canada
- RCMP - Royal Canadian Mounted Police



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Slide Notes

Slide 2:

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Provide an overview

of what the Government of Canada was seeing and hearing in the three weeks that lead into Feb 14

Slide 4:

Tools that were used:

PS (RCMP/CBSA input) can speak to the emergency measures regs, why they were needed and how they were used.
Finance (FINTRAC/RCMP input) can speak to the economic measures that were needed and how they were used.